

Amendments to the Specification:

Please substitute section [0001] of the specification on page 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/870,368 filed on May 29, 2001 which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety and which is a continuation-in-part application of Provisional Application Serial No. 60/246,906, filed November 7, 2000 which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety and to which application we claim priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Please substitute section [0123] of the specification on page 8 with the following rewritten paragraph:

The HIFU transducer of the present invention utilizes a ceramic, piezoelectric crystal to focus ultrasonic energy on discrete regions within the eye without damaging the external eye or delicate structures surrounding the point of focus. By using a saucer-shaped, ceramic, piezo-electric source (i.e., a transducer) having a diameter of about 8.4 cm, a radius of curvature at about 15 cm, operating at about 1.7 MHz and 100 to 300 watts, sub-surface tissue can be destroyed and/or modified without harming the overlying ~~skin~~ tissue. HIFU at lower energy settings can heat tissue above 50°C, but below 90 to 100°C where coagulative necrosis may occur. As shown in Fig. 2, the transducer 20 includes a ceramic piezoelectric source 22. When energized by an energy source 24, the transducer 20 can apply HIFU energy 26 to a discrete region within the eye 10 without damaging nearby structures, thus effectively preventing and/or treating presbyopia as previously discussed.